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Population Health, In Brief / La santé de la population en bref

The following is a list of recent developments in policies, programs and politics related to population health. These interventions may have potential impacts on population health outcomes and be of interest to researchers, practitioners and decision-makers.

For more information on the policies and programs, please follow the links. In some cases, the external web pages or documents may be available in English, French or in both official languages. The following descriptions are abstracted directly from the source documents.

Voici une liste des dernières nouveautés au chapitre des politiques, des programmes et de la politique dans le domaine de la santé de la population. Ces interventions sont susceptibles d'avoir des incidences sur les résultats pour la santé de la population et d'intéresser les chercheurs, les praticiens et les décideurs.

Pour en savoir davantage sur les politiques et les programmes, cliquez sur les liens qui figurent dans la liste. Dans certains cas, le contenu des pages Web ou des documents externes est disponible en anglais ou en français seulement ou dans les deux langues officielles. Les descriptions qui suivent sont tirées directement des documents sources.

Minimum Wage Increasing to \$10.15 on April 1

Nova Scotia Labour and Advanced Education

The minimum wage in Nova Scotia will rise to \$10.15, a 1.5 per cent increase from the present rate of \$10.00 an hour.

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20120125001>

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Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Discuss Key Justice and Public Safety Issues Facing Canadians

Department of Justice Canada

Federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) ministers responsible for justice and public safety concluded their meeting today, after in-depth discussions on key justice and public safety issues currently facing Canadians.

<http://www.scics.gc.ca/english/conferences.asp?a=viewdocument&id=1663>

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New Program Promotes Safe and Independent Living

British Columbia Minister Responsible for Housing & Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

As a result of federal and provincial investments in affordable housing, a new program is available to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities finance home modifications for accessible, safe and independent living.

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012ENER0007-000066.htm

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Canadian Health Policy Research – Many Voices, Much Complexity

Conference Board of Canada - Canadian Alliance for Sustainable Health Care

The Conference Board of Canada has created an inventory of 88 organizations involved in studying Canada's health system. [Who's Doing What in the Canadian Health System: A Selected List of Research Organizations](#) identifies key players in the Canadian health and health care research industry—from academic research centres and business consultants, to government agencies and non-profit organizations. The inventory was created under the research program of the Conference Board's [Canadian Alliance for Sustainable Health Care \(CASHC\)](#). The goal of this first CASHC publication is to help anyone doing research into Canadian health care to discover who else is doing what, thereby avoiding duplications and increasing the opportunity for cooperation and coordination.

http://www.conferenceboard.ca/press/newsrelease/12-01-27/canadian_health_policy_research_%E2%80%93_many_voices_much_complexity.aspx

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New Training Opportunities for Aboriginal Learners

British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education

Aboriginal learners have new opportunities for skills training, thanks to the Aboriginal Training for Employment Program (ATEP)... This program is helping participants pursue further studies and employment opportunities as health-care assistants, chefs, construction workers, entrepreneurs, tourism operators and in many other occupations.

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012AVED0004-000089.htm

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Ontario's Action Plan To Transform Health Care / Plan d'action de l'Ontario pour renouveler les soins de santé

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care / Ministère de la Santé et des Soins de Longue Durée de L'Ontario

Ontario is launching an Action Plan to transform the health care system and deal with the demographic challenges as well as the province's deficit. To achieve these goals, Ontario will bring planning for family health care under the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

L'Ontario lance un plan d'action afin de renouveler le système de santé et de relever les enjeux démographiques et de régler le déficit de la province. Afin d'atteindre ces objectifs, l'Ontario placera la planification des soins de santé familiale sous la responsabilité des réseaux locaux d'intégration des services de santé (RLISS).

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/release/2012/jan/nr_20120130_1.aspx (English)

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/fr/news/release/2012/jan/nr_20120130_1.aspx (français)

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Province Improves Protection for Vulnerable Albertans

Alberta Seniors

The Alberta government is taking action to better protect individuals supported by the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program... The changes will include installing temperature regulators and improving bathing safety procedures in all homes where residents require bathing assistance. Alberta Seniors has also developed new safety standards and inspection processes specifically for... sites that don't fall under the Supportive Living Accommodations Licensing Act (SLALA)...

<http://alberta.ca/NewsFrame.cfm?ReleaseID=/acn/201201/318602F47B389-E50B-1C66-74A4D5EA9EAF9F3E.html>

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New Support Line for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

British Columbia Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD)

... the Ministry of Children and Family Development is investing \$100,000 a year from the ministry's existing fiscal plan for the Parent Support Services Society of B.C. to launch the new Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line and email support.

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012CFD0004-000091.htm

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Colour Coded Health Care: The Impact of Race and Racism on Canadians' Health

Wellesley Institute

Colour Coded Health Care, a new literature review by Sheryl Nestel, offers a survey of relevant academic and community-based research on racial disparities in the health of Canadians appearing between 1990-2010. In addition to surveying the research on mortality and morbidity by racialized groups in Canada, it surveys the evidence of bias, discrimination and stereotyping in health care delivery.

<http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/publication-papers/colour-coded-health-care-the-impact-of-race-and-racism-on-canadians-health/>

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Health Research Non-Profit, the Canadian Cochrane Centre, and National Aboriginal Health Organization Sign Agreement to Improve Aboriginal Peoples Health

The Canadian Cochrane Centre and the National Aboriginal Health Organization

The Canadian Cochrane Centre (CCC) and the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) have signed a collaborative agreement to work together to positively impact the health and well-being of Aboriginal Peoples... The two organizations plan to work on integrated knowledge translation, and education and training projects that would teach more Canadians how to complete Cochrane Systematic Reviews tailored to helping Aboriginal Peoples while making the link between scientific and traditional knowledge.

<http://ccnc.cochrane.org/sites/ccnc.cochrane.org/files/uploads/Website%20documents/Other/CCC-NAHO%20Agreement%2031-Jan-2012.pdf>

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Child and Youth Advocates Say Canada Must Improve the Lives of Aboriginal Children / Les Défenseurs des Enfants et de la Jeunesse Estiment que le Canada Doit Faire Mieux Pour Améliorer le Sort des Enfants Autochtones

New Brunswick Office of Child and Youth Advocate / Nouveau Brunswick Bureau du Défenseur des Enfants et de la Jeunesse

The council's report, *Canada Must Do Better: Today and Tomorrow*, documents how Aboriginal children in Canada are disproportionately represented in the youth justice and child welfare systems. The report also identifies aboriginal children's comparatively poor health status, their significant lag in educational outcomes, high rates of sexual exploitation and violence among aboriginal youth, as well as disproportionately high rates of death and injury.

Le rapport du Conseil, *Le Canada doit mieux faire : Aujourd'hui et demain*, démontre que les Autochtones sont surreprésentés dans le système de justice pénale pour adolescents et de la protection de la jeunesse. Le rapport identifie aussi que ces jeunes éprouvent plus de problèmes de santé, qu'ils accusent aussi un sérieux retard en matière de réussite scolaire par rapport aux autres enfants du pays, en plus d'être fortement exposés au risque d'exploitation sexuelle et de violence. De plus, leurs taux de décès et de blessures sont considérablement plus élevés.

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2012.02.0078.html (English)

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/fr/nouvelles/communiqué.2012.02.0078.html> (français)

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New Program Provides Public Service Opportunities for Recent Graduates

Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Advanced Education and Skills

Recent post-secondary graduates can benefit from a new recruitment program aimed at attracting qualified individuals to employment opportunities with the provincial public service in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Graduate Opportunities (GO) Program will offer valuable work experience to recent graduates and complement existing recruitment and retention activities in the public service.

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2012/exec/0202n05.htm>

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Province Releases Plan That Puts Kids and Learning First / Le Gouvernement Provincial Publie un Plan qui Donne la Priorité aux Jeunes et à L'Apprentissage

Department of Education Nova Scotia / Ministère de l'Éducation Nouvelle Écosse

The province's new P-12 education plan will put students first by better preparing them for post-secondary education, good jobs, and active citizenship. Kids and Learning First is also about helping students better prepare for a career path that is right for them. Students will also get more help earlier in critical subjects and transition years.

Le nouveau plan d'éducation pour la maternelle à la 12e année donnera la priorité aux élèves en les préparant aux études postsecondaires, à obtenir de bons emplois et à être de bons citoyens. Le plan « Priorité aux jeunes et à l'apprentissage » aide également les élèves à se préparer en vue d'une carrière qui leur convient. Les élèves pourront également obtenir de l'aide plus tôt dans les sujets essentiels et au cours des années de transition.

<http://gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20120203002> (English)

<http://gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20120203003> (français)

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New Pamphlet Explains Ways to Avoid Abuse in Teen Dating / Nouveau Dépliant à L'Intention des Adolescents Sur les Façons D'Éviter la Violence Dans les Relations Amoureuses

Office of the Attorney General New Brunswick / Cabinet du Procureur Général - Nouveau Brunswick

A new publication, *Teens and Dating: Tips for keeping abuse out of your relationship*, has been released to help teens avoid abusive relationships. There is also a new poster available to raise public awareness in schools, teen centres, libraries and other locations.

Une nouvelle publication intitulée *Les fréquentations à l'adolescence : Conseils pour éviter les mauvais traitements dans votre relation* a été mise en circulation pour aider les jeunes à éviter de se retrouver dans une relation amoureuse malsaine. Une nouvelle affiche de sensibilisation a également été conçue pour les écoles, les maisons des jeunes, les bibliothèques et d'autres endroits.

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2012.02.0093.html (English)

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/fr/nouvelles/communiqué.2012.02.0093.html> (français)

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First Nations and Government of Yukon Partner to Share New Capacity Tools

Government of Yukon

The Government of Yukon has partnered with the Carcross/Tagish and Kwanlin Dün First Nations, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, and the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation to develop a series of new tools that will help support First Nation governance. The tools were funded through the Northern Strategy Trust Fund, launched by the Government of Canada in 2007 to support the development of Canada's North. Yukon jointly manages the Northern Strategy Trust with Yukon First Nations. The tools were created with input from citizens of participating First Nations and are being shared with other Yukon First Nations and with the Yukon government.

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/12-017.html>

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Mobile App Helps Users Locate Health Services in B.C.

British Columbia Ministry of Health - Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government

The Province today unveiled a mobile application, which allows people to locate a range of health services in British Columbia using an iPhone, iPad or iPod.

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012HLTH0007-000108.pdf

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New Interior Crisis Line Network Launched

British Columbia Ministry of Health - Interior Health

All Interior Health residents now have around-the-clock access to toll-free telephone support when they need assistance managing personal concerns with the launch of an Interior Crisis Line Network. Crisis line workers are trained to support and guide callers through a variety of problems they may be facing such as depression, poverty, abuse or homelessness.

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012HLTH0006-000105.pdf

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Le Ministre Yves Bolduc Annonce le Déploiement du Dossier de Santé du Québec Dans la Région de Montréal

Québec - Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux

Le Dossier de santé du Québec (DSQ) sera déployé sur le territoire de Montréal. Le DSQ est un outil informatique qui modernise les façons de faire en rendant plus rapidement et efficacement accessibles certains renseignements de santé jugés essentiels aux services de première ligne et au continuum de soins et de services de santé de qualité.

<http://communiqués.gouv.qc.ca/gouvqc/communiqués/GPQF/Fevrier2012/06/c9822.html?slang=fr>

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Coopératives de Santé - La Régie Accentue ses Actions

la Régie de L'Assurance Maladie du Québec

À la lumière des renseignements portés à son attention sur les pratiques de plusieurs coopératives de santé, qui contreviennent à la Loi sur l'assurance maladie, la Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec a décidé de continuer d'intervenir fermement pour les faire cesser.

<http://communiqués.gouv.qc.ca/gouvqc/communiqués/GPQF/Fevrier2012/06/c9673.html>

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Will Fewer Maritimers Be Heading to University Over the Next Decade?

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission

Fewer Maritimers have been enrolling in the region's universities in recent years, largely the result of flattening demand after the peak in 2004. The... Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission is working on determining the reasons that might be behind the decreasing demand for university education amongst Maritimers.

http://www.mphec.ca/resources/participation_Feb2012_En.pdf

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Who We Are

Established in 1994, CIHI is an independent, not-for-profit corporation that provides essential information on Canada's health system and the health of Canadians. Funded by federal, provincial and territorial governments, we are guided by a Board of Directors made up of health leaders across the country.

Our Vision

To help improve Canada's health system and the well-being of Canadians by being a leading source of unbiased, credible and comparable information that will enable health leaders to make better-informed decisions.

About CPHI

CPHI's analyses explore patterns of health within and between population groups to foster a better understanding of factors that affect the health of individuals and communities. We also seek out and summarize evidence about what works at the policy and program levels to contribute to the development of policies that reduce inequities and improve the health and wellbeing of Canadians.

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Qui nous sommes

Fondé en 1994, l'ICIS est un organisme autonome sans but lucratif qui fournit de l'information essentielle sur le système de santé du Canada et sur la santé des Canadiens. Il est financé par les gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux et supervisé par un conseil d'administration formé de dirigeants du secteur de la santé de partout au pays.

Notre vision

Contribuer à améliorer le système de santé canadien et le bien-être des Canadiens en étant un chef de file de la production d'information impartiale, fiable et comparable qui permet aux dirigeants du domaine de la santé de prendre des décisions mieux éclairées.

À propos de l'ISPC

Les analyses de l'ISPC étudient les caractéristiques de la santé entre et parmi les groupes de population en vue de favoriser une meilleure compréhension des facteurs qui influent sur la santé des personnes et des collectivités. Nous dégageons et résumons également les faits probants au sujet des mesures efficaces à l'échelle des politiques et des programmes afin de contribuer à l'élaboration de politiques qui réduisent les inégalités et améliorant la santé et le bien-être des Canadiens.

Parlez-nous

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